



# Tennessee Farm Facts

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## Tennessee Milk Production Down

**Tennessee:** January-March 2011 quarterly production of milk was 214 million pounds, down 4 percent from the January-March period in 2010. The average number of milk cows was 50,000 head, 3,000 head less than the same period a year earlier. October-December 2010 quarterly production of milk, at 202 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the October-December period in 2009. The average number of milk cows for the October-December quarter was 51,000 head, 3,000 less than a year earlier.

### Milk Cows and Production: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., Preliminary January-March, 2010-2011

	Jan-Mar Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Jan-Mar Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	11.0	11.0	45.0	43.0	-4.4
Arkansas	13.0	12.0	41.0	38.0	-7.3
Georgia	78.0	80.0	369.0	380.0	3.0
Kentucky	79.0	76.0	296.0	289.0	-2.4
Mississippi	17.0	15.0	63.0	58.0	-7.9
Missouri	101.0	95.0	366.0	352.0	-3.8
North Carolina	43.0	44.0	216.0	225.0	4.2
<b>Tennessee</b>	53.0	50.0	222.0	214.0	-3.6
Virginia	95.0	95.0	428.0	439.0	2.6
United States	9,093.0	9,163.0	47,392.0	48,432.0	2.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

**U.S. January - March Milk Production:** Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 48.4 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.16 million head, 70,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Dairy Products Prices Highlights:** **Butter** prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grade AA standards averaged \$1.97 per pound for the week ending April 16, 2011. The United States (US) price per pound decreased 3.1 cents from the previous week. **Cheddar Cheese** prices received for US 40 pound blocks averaged \$1.65 per pound for the week ending April 16, 2011. The price per pound decreased 4.4 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.62 per pound, down 7.5 cents from the previous week. **Dry Whey** prices received for bag, tote, and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 48.4 cents per pound for the week ending April 16, 2011. The US price per pound increased 1.7 cents from the previous week. **Nonfat Dry Milk** prices received for bag, tote, and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Grade A standards averaged \$1.58 per pound for the week ending April 16, 2011. The US price per pound increased 1.5 cents from the previous week.

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**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, and Post-Mortem Condemnations, by Month and Annual Total, Tennessee, 2010**

Month	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					Dressed Weight	Percent <sup>2</sup>
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent
Jan	22,431	113,899	5.08	82,638	622	0.75
Feb	22,174	111,080	5.01	80,596	612	0.75
Mar	24,567	125,667	5.12	91,095	702	0.76
Apr	24,251	123,728	5.10	89,725	660	0.73
May	23,516	122,337	5.20	88,843	654	0.73
Jun	25,006	127,334	5.09	92,515	599	0.64
Jul	25,711	130,418	5.07	94,540	592	0.62
Aug	26,226	131,160	5.00	95,243	604	0.63
Sep	25,960	134,922	5.20	97,887	664	0.67
Oct	24,186	126,452	5.23	92,015	548	0.59
Nov	23,064	120,228	5.21	87,364	538	0.61
Dec	22,817	120,024	5.26	87,160	645	0.74
2010 Total	289,909	1,487,249	5.10	1,079,621	7,440	0.68
2009 Total	269,783	1,366,200	5.10	990,578	7,175	0.72

<sup>1</sup> Total chilled and frozen pounds certified ready-to-cook weights. <sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-condemnations.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States and United States, During March 2010 and 2011**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Number	Number
Alabama	1,340	1,399	9,792	9,777	1,848	1,882
Arkansas	3,258	3,201	12,299	11,964	2,025	2,048
Georgia	8,816	8,855	17,610	17,178	2,220	2,206
North Carolina	5,920	5,839	13,358	13,310	2,089	2,029
All Other States <sup>2</sup>	259,892	259,199	289,039	288,148	2,331	2,345
United States	279,226	278,493	342,098	340,377	2,291	2,302

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>2</sup> Tennessee included in other states.

**Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: Tennessee & United States, March 2010 and 2011**

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>Tennessee</b>						
Cattle	4.7	4.2	3,733	3,530	816	851
Calves	-	0.1	-	24	-	434
Hogs	64.5	57.2	28,937	26,719	449	468
Sheep & lambs	1.3	0.6	101	50	76	78
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,911.5	2,959.2	3,691,673	3,761,623	1,273	1,276
Calves	79.9	72.9	20,410	20,251	259	283
Hogs	10,031.5	9,873.0	2,724,041	2,739,883	272	278
Sheep & lambs	263.2	193.9	35,386	28,195	135	146

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

**Number of Livestock Slaughtering Establishments: Tennessee, January 1, 2002 – 2011<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Under Federal Inspection	Custom Plants	Total
2002	20	17	37
2003	21	14	35
2004	22	11	33
2005	22	9	31
2006	19	8	27
2007	19	8	27
2008	18	8	26
2009	18	8	26
2010	18	8	26
2011	18	8	26

<sup>1</sup>Data includes “Temporarily Closed” plants.

**Red Meat Production: By Month, Tennessee, 2001 - 2010<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total <sup>2</sup>
Million Pounds													
2001	22.7	16.6	18.5	17.4	17.8	15.5	17.2	18.1	18.3	23.6	20.8	20.2	226.9
2002	20.2	15.8	16.2	17.8	18.4	17.7	17.3	20.3	19.6	23.1	20.7	20.5	227.6
2003	20.8	16.2	19.6	18.9	16.0	15.6	21.1	18.4	22.0	25.1	19.1	20.0	232.9
2004	20.2	19.7	22.4	16.6	12.4	17.9	16.3	17.8	18.8	18.3	19.5	22.1	222.1
2005	18.1	15.7	19.2	12.6	15.9	16.9	13.2	18.3	20.8	21.5	21.0	22.5	215.6
2006	19.0	15.2	18.2	12.5	15.7	15.8	15.2	18.3	19.9	21.8	20.6	18.7	211.0
2007	18.1	16.0	18.3	14.6	16.3	14.5	16.3	19.4	19.3	22.5	22.3	20.0	217.7
2008	20.7	16.8	17.5	16.9	16.1	15.9	16.2	17.4	22.7	24.7	19.3	21.1	225.2
2009	20.8	16.6	18.7	15.8	15.1	16.2	17.9	22.8	22.0	24.0	23.8	19.7	233.3
2010	17.4	17.3	21.6	16.2	14.9	18.6	20.0	21.4	22.9	23.3	23.3	18.4	235.2

<sup>1</sup>Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton, excluding farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup>Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Commercial Slaughter: By Species, Number of Head by Month, Tennessee, 2010<sup>1</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
1,000 Head													
Cattle	3.8	3.2	4.7	4.0	3.5	3.6	2.8	3.2	4.0	4.1	4.3	3.9	45.1
Calves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.3
Hogs	50.2	53.0	64.5	46.6	42.9	54.7	59.9	64.9	68.4	69.5	70.3	53.5	698.4
Sheep	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.7	13.9

<sup>1</sup>Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. – Represents zero.

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Tennessee, and U.S., 2010<sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep		Goats		Bison	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000
<b>TN</b>	14	40.5	4	0.1	18	697.2	11	13.7	11	17.6	-	-
<b>US</b>	632	33,702.0	248	864.2	611	109,314.7	506	2,261.1	421	612.1	128	52.9

<sup>1</sup>Includes data from week ending Jan. 9, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2010. – Represents zero.

## **TDA Now Accepting Proposals for Specialty Crop Block Grants**

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is now accepting proposals for the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. These funds will help enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, which are fruits and vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts and nursery crops including floriculture. Administered by TDA, the grants are authorized through the federal Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. “Specialty crops are increasingly important to Tennessee’s farm economy as consumer demand for locally grown fruits and vegetables and other products continues to grow,” said Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson. “These grants will fund innovation, research and training that will help make our farms more productive and profitable.”

**Proposals are divided into three main categories:**

**Good Ag Practices/Food Safety/Traceability:** This category includes, but is not limited to training, specialized equipment and facilities needed to incorporate GAPs, GMPs and/or specialty crop traceability.

**Farmers Markets/Wholesale Produce :** This category includes, but is not limited to, cool storage, distribution and handling needs. A priority is establishing wholesale produce auctions.

**Innovative Specialty Crop Projects:** This category includes, but is not limited to, on-farm needs that enhance marketing, production, packing and/or distribution of specialty crops.

Tennessee is eligible for more than \$518,000 in federal Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funds to support grower education, infrastructure needs, food safety and marketing. Universities, institutions, cooperatives, producers, industry or community-based organizations may submit a proposal for project funding for up to \$50,000. Eligible projects must be forward thinking, demonstrate a positive impact on Tennessee agriculture and significantly increase farm income through the improvement or expansion of farm or agribusiness operations involving the production of specialty crop. Demonstration of long-term benefits is also required. **Proposals must be received no later than June 15.** Proposal requirements and other information can be found at <http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/marketing/produce.html>. Once proposals are received, a panel will review and rank them according to the criteria provided. Applicants who submit a project will be notified by June 29 if TDA intends to present the project to USDA for funding. For more information regarding the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, contact Dan Strasser at 615-837-5160 or [Dan.Strasser@TN.gov](mailto:Dan.Strasser@TN.gov).